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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new Claims 59-60:

59. (New) An isolated nucleic acid which hybridizes under high stringency conditions to SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein said high stringency conditions comprise 0.1-1x SSC/0.1% w/v SDS at 60°C for 1-3 hours, wherein said nucleic acid encodes a VEGF-B molecule.

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